

a first photo-blocking film which covers a circumference of each pixel electrode in a predetermined trace width, said first photo-blocking film is made of a layered film made of a metal film and a photo absorbing film which absorbs light.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit the present paper in Response to the Advisory Action, dated April 22, 1997, and in order to effect clarification of new claims filed in the Amendment After Final dated April 4, 1997.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-44, 46 and 47 and refused to enter the Amendment After Final stating that the Amendment "presents additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims". Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit that the presently clarified claims are allowable and therefore the present and previously filed amendments should be entered and the substance thereof should be fully considered as they put the application in condition for allowance. Claims 48-51 are amended herewith, so that they do not have substantially the same scope as the claims 14, 19, 33 and 36, which depend on claim 1, respectively. The new claims

do not include the feature of the photo blocking film configured to block diagonal incident light and accordingly differ in scope from claim 1 as amended in the Amendment After Final.

Entry of the present amendment and previously filed Amendment After Final for purposes of appeal, if an appeal is necessary, is respectfully requested. Entry is necessary because Applicant now believes that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance.

The present amendments were not submitted at an earlier date because the Examiner's rejections were believed to have been fully met by the amendments and remarks made in the response to the last Office Action.

Entry is finally believed proper at this time because the amendments do not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, since they narrow the scope of the claims already adequately and properly searched by the Examiner, and because they do not introduce any new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any concerns in furtherance of the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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